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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)

AMMON et al)

Application No.: 09/011,977)

Filed: June 15, 1998)

For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND)
ITS DERIVATIVES FOR)
INHIBITING NORMAL AND)
INCREASED LEUCOCYTIC)
ELASTASE OR PLASMIN)
ACTIVITY)

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: H. Owens, Jr.

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the final Official Action mailed on March 16, 2000, please
first amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 23 and 26, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject
matter disclosed therein.

Please amend claims 10, 16, 17, and 22-26 as follows:

10. (Three times amended) A method for [preventing and/or] combating
diseases selected from the group consisting of pulmonary emphysema, acute respiratory
distress syndrome, shock lung, cystic fibrosis (mucoviscidosis), chronic bronchitis,
glomerulonephritis and rheumatoid arthritis, which are caused by increased leucocytic

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